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SUBJ: MARRIAGE AMERICAN CITIZENS ON HIGH SEAS

REF: ABU DHABI 1679

1. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NEVER ENCOUNTERED THIS SPECIFIC QUESTION, BELIEVE IT NOT REPEAT NOT POSSIBLE FOR CONSULAR OFFICER ISSUE "CERTIFICATE OF WITNESS TO A MARRIAGE" EVEN IF ABLE ATTEND CEREMONY PERSONALLY. BELIEVE YOU ARE AUTHORIZED PERFORM OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS ONLY IF DISTRICT TO WHICH ACCREDITED. FUTHERMORE, ONE PRIMARY FUNCTION OF CONSULAR OFFICERS AS WITNESS TO MARRIAGE IS DETERMINING LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CEREMONY 8 FAM 264.33. YOU WILL NOTE THAT 8 FAM 264.94 SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITS CONSULAR OFFICER FROM GIVING ADVICE RE VALIDITY OF MARRIAGE PERFORMED ON HIGH SEAS.

2. FOR DEPT: REFTEL REPEATED TO YOU. CORRECT US IF WE ARE WRONG.
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